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9 May 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR:

'JOHN/C KIRIAKOU'

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FROM:

(b)(3) CIAAct
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OFFICE:

SUBJECT:

[AIN] RE: Book Draft for Clearance

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

(b)(3) NatSecAct

Mr. Kiriakou,

We attempted to call you Friday and today to discuss your e-mail, but the phone number we have may not be current. We have (b)(6)

As you have already noticed, PRB is currently operating with a significant delay, especially in responding to book-length manuscripts. While books always take us the most time—as you note, we often used to be able to respond within 90 days—we are now taking up to a year or more to complete some of our books. Part of the reason for this is a significant personnel shortage we faced from November through March.

The good news for you is your January manuscript ("The Convenient Terrorist") is currently first in the queue to come out of the backlog and be assigned to a

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reviewer. It is difficult to predict how long the review will take once a reviewer is assigned, but typically it would be around 3-4 months. Your second manuscript, "Doing Time Like a Spy," is already under active review since it was a follow-on to the book proposal we reviewed last year. I tentatively predict you will receive a response on that manuscript by August at the latest.

We understand that you are putting things on hold in order to uphold the provisions of your secrecy agreement, and all we can do is apologize that your manuscripts came to us at a point in time when our office faced such drastic personnel shortage. We truly appreciate your cooperation with this sometimes-frustrating process.

If you would like to talk to a staff member about any concerns you might have, please let us know a phone number and a few good times to call. You can reach the main PRB line at [REDACTED] with general questions.
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Regards,

[REDACTED] PRB Staff

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From: JOHN/C KIRIAKOU [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 4:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Please provide me with an update as to when I may expect clearance for my manuscript of January 11. It was my understanding that PRB responded to manuscript clearance requests within 90 days, but I have heard nothing since the day of submission. Thank you.

John Kiriakou

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On Jan 11, 2016, at 01:53 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

The CIA Publications Review Board has received your rewritten manuscript for prepublication review. Please note that due to high submission volume, our ability to meet preferred deadlines is extremely limited.

The Board appreciates your cooperation with prepublication review. The PRB may be contacted at [REDACTED] if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance. (b)(3) CIAAct

Please include [REDACTED] on all messages in order to ensure appropriate and timely action is taken.

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Regards,

PRB Staff

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From: JOHN/C KIRIAKOU [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 9:11 AM
To: [REDACTED] (b)(3) CIAAct
Subject: Book Draft for Clearance

Please clear the attached manuscript. It will eventually be delivered to Skyhorse Publishing. It will be written with a coauthor, who will contribute another 20,000 words. Attached is my contribution of 20,000 words. A second email will follow with additional source material.

John Kiriakou

[REDACTED] (b)(3) CIAAct
CC: [REDACTED]
Sent on 9 May 2016 at 04:25:32 PM

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